GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Implementation of Price Support Scheme for Procurement of Jowar under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2023-24 Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.255 Dated:12-03-2024

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 09-01-2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.307, A&C (MKTG.II) Department, dated 14-04-2020.
3. Minimum Support Price declared by GoI Dept. of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Lr Dt:19.02.2024.
4. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P Guntur, Letter No. Stat (2)/20/2023, Dt:19.02.2024
5. From the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada, Rc.No. P&M/Jowar/MSP/RMS/2023-24, dt:27.02.2024.

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ORDER:

In the Government Orders 1st & 2nd read above, the guidelines for Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations of Coarse grains were issued and appointed the A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Government of India has declared the MSP for Jowar (Hybrid) is Rs.3180/- & Jowar (Maldindi) is Rs.3225/- per Quintal during the year 2023-24.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that as per the production estimates obtained from the Department of Agriculture the Jowar is cultivated in an area of 95,390 Ha with expected Production is 4,50,085 MT's.

4. As per the revised guidelines issued by Dept. of Food & Public Distribution for procurement of Coarse Grains under PSS Central Government will provide financial assistance for the coarse grains procured under MSP provided these procured coarse grains are to be distributed under PDS. If the Jowar is not distributed under PDS, the GoI will not provide any financial assistance thus Jowar has to procured from State Government account.

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5. In the reference 5th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency for procurement of Jowar on MSP and to accord permission to procure Jowar for Hybrids (Hybrid varieties that are more preferred for Human Consumption on MSP of Rs.3180 per Qtl and Most preferred Jowar Hybrids/varieties for industrial purpose at MSP of Rs.2090 per quintal during Rabi 2023-24.Further, requested to arrange the required funds from Price Stabilization Fund of State Government, accord permission to raise the funds by way of loans from the Banks and the losses arises if any to be borne by the State Government.

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Jowar to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relieve them from distress sale, hereby nominate the AP Markfed as the Nodal Agency for procurement of Jowar during Rabi 2023-24, with a direction to observe the current market prices of Jowar. If the market prices fallen below the MSP, may allow MSP operations upto 10% of the estimated production quantity i.e. 27,722 MTs., and take up procurement of Jowar varieties only for which GOI notified MSP (i.e., MSP for Jowar (Hybrid) as Rs.3180/- per Qtl) with the following modalities:-

1. The procurement period will be from 13-03-2024 to 31-05-2024.

2. The procurement centers at RBK level will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

3. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2023-24.

4. To take the necessary steps to directly procure from farmers whose harvest have not been acquired by the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

5. The procurement centers are to be opened at RBK level.

6. The Government has also decided to involve good working District Cooperative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), FPO’s, Village Organizations for the procurement activities.

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7. The A.P.Markfed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales, etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the AP Markfed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

8. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P.MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Jowar on MSP from Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers, the A.P Markfed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government Price Stabilisation Fund.

9. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RBK&R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA; PD, DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD , Mktg.; District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Jowar. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/ gunnies/ unloading rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

10. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Jowar MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

11. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/ AWSL/ NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Jowar. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/ CWC shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgment/ ware house receipts.

12. The farmers payments should be done by Aadhar based online payments done through CM APP.

13. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Godown charges, packing material, unloading/loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges, etc.

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14. Commission @2.5% on the procurement of Jowar will be provided to the purchasing agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

15. After completion of the Jowar procurement in the State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Jowar stocks.

16. The A.P.Markfed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Jowar stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

17. After disposal of the stocks, the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. difference between the Cost of Acquisition and sale price realized shall be borne by the State Government from Price Stabilisation Fund.

09. The Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EAC) Dept. vide their U.O.No:FIN01-FMU0ASD(AC)/21/2024-FMU-AC-CS-AH, (C.No: 2374802), Dt:12.03.2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada
Copy to:-
All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Ofcers Ofcers through Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
PS to Hon'ble Minister for Agri. & Coop.
PS to Secy. to Govt. (AM&C), Agri. & Coop. Department.
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SECTION OFFICER